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2. 401 Sudbrook Lane, Sudbrook Park

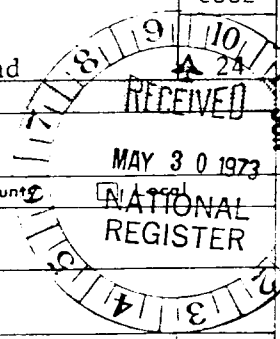
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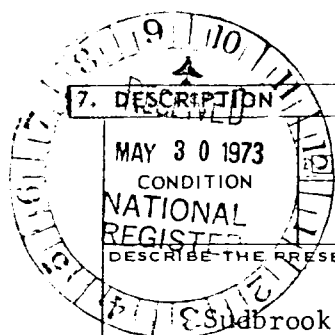
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STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Baltimore
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ENTRY DATE	JUN 19 1973

1. NAME			
COMMON: Sudbrook Park			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Sudbrook Park			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Baltimore, Beltway.			
Southwest of Western Maryland Railway, north of Mill Road, southeast of/			
CITY OR TOWN: South of Pikesville		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Maryland	24	Baltimore	005
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) awaiting demolition
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple owners			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Baltimore County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Chesapeake Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
Towson		Maryland	
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
2525 Riva Road			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Annapolis		Maryland	24

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

MAY 30 1973

CONDITION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

Sudbrook Park is located west of the Baltimore City limits southwest of the Western Maryland Railway tracks, north of Milford Mill Road and east of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). The district boundaries begin at the junction of Sudbrook Road and the Western Maryland Railway tracks and extend southeast along the southwest side of the tracks to a point opposite the junction of Howard Road and Westover Road then southwest in a straight line to the center of Howard Road then south with Howard Road to the center of Upland Road; then west with Upland Road to Cylburn Road then south with Cylburn Road to the rear property lines on the southwest side of Sudbrook Road then east and northeast following the rear property lines to the center of Carysbrook Road then east with the center of Carysbrook Road to the center of Windsor Road then northeast with Windsor Road to the center of Kinsington Road then northwest with the center of Kinsington Road to the rear property lines on the north side of Windsor Road then northeast with the rear property lines to a point (at the rear property lines) opposite the junction of Windsor Road and Sudbrook Road; then northeast in a straight line from that point to the Western Maryland Railway tracks then southeast with the southeast side of the tracks to the beginning.

Sudbrook Park is a residential community initially developed as a summer resort. The majority of the domestic architecture dates from the mid-1890's to the mid-1910's. The shingle style predominates although several examples of Colonial Revival and the Queen Anne style exist. The gambrel roof, often extending over a porch, is a recurring motif in Sudbrook Park. Some large structures represent the Colonial Revival with small pane window sashes and the ever present variations on the Palladian window. Polygonal towers and a profuse use of the bay window comprise further architectural features. The application of mid-20th century siding has diminished the effect of the shingle style on a few buildings.

The original character of Sudbrook Park, as embodied in the developer's deed restrictions, remains evident. The large lot size and restrictions on units per acre and architecture are unaltered. The curving streets provided in Olmstead's plan provide an interesting alternative to the grid patterns in the city and surrounding developments. (The recent construction to the west of Sudbrook Park has emulated the curvilinear streets.)

500 Sudbrook Road (see photograph) is a handsome shingle and frame cottage whose most striking feature is the treatment of the roof; a pair of cross gables one of which dominates each facade. On the east and south a short, shed roof extends outward from the gable encircling a wide porch set back underneath the roof. The porch on the northern corner of the east facade has been enclosed with frame siding similar to the exterior walls of the first floor of the remainder of the house. "French" doors give access to the porch from this northeast room as well as from the principal rooms on the first floor. The shingle gables contain the second floor. Two triangular breaks in the gable end wall form hood-like projections over a pair of sash windows. A four part casement window lights the attic above. To the north of the cross gable block a one bay gambrel roof wing extends.

506 Sudbrook Road is a two and a half story four bay shingle house. A recessed entrance porch supported by piers and a pair of round columns is located at the central two bays. The end bays have four part casement

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian    ☐ 16th Century    ☐ 18th Century    ☒ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century    ☐ 17th Century    ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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☒ Urban Planning☒ Other (Specify)

local history

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frederick Law Olmstead (1822-1903), a founder of landscape architecture and city planning in the United States, designed Sudbrook Park (1891) which is a well preserved turn of the century summer resort. The project dates from the mature period of Olmstead's career after his urban park designs for New York, Boston and Buffalo; campus plans for Smith Amherst, Stanford and Trinity colleges; and before his contribution to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Sudbrook Park embodies the emphasis on natural contours and curvilinear forms which characterizes Olmstead's approach to landscape planning.

In 1890 the Sudbrook Company purchased a 204 acre tract for a summer resort development. The company set aside one acre for a depot for the Western Maryland Railway whose tracks bounded the property on the east. Eighteen daily trains provided the area direct access to Baltimore which helped to insure its success. In receipt of Olmstead's plan based on five curvilinear streets with large lots following the rolling topography the Sudbrook Company laid out streets and constructed ten speculative houses. Social activity for the summer residents centered around the hotel (demolished) which provided lodging for less permanent residents. The Company also provided a swimming pool, stables and a nine-hole golf course. Although these accoutrements have disappeared as Sudbrook Park became a year-round community and as Baltimore City expanded and surrounded it, the integrity of the district and the residential nature and architectural character are unchanged and the intent of Olmstead's plans have remained.

The Sudbrook Company helped assure the preservation of the area through deed restrictions. Each minimum sized one acre lot could have no more than one house and no more than one family on it. The animal population was limited to two cows and to four horses per acre. The structure itself had to sit forty feet back from the street although an allowance of up to five feet was allowed for porches, cornices, and bays, and at least ten feet from neighboring property lines. A height limit was set at three stories. The company even dictated the architectural style be rural and not urban.

Sudbrook Park attracted some of Baltimore's most prominent citizens. These included Henry Harlan, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City; Arthur Poultney, head of Poultney's Wood and Coal Company, Judge S. A. Stump, Dr. Herbert Harlan, specialist in eye and ear disease, and Ezra Whitman a prominent civil engineer.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary sources:

Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Maryland:

Baltimore County Land Records

Baltimore County Tax Assessment Map

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	39 ° 22 ' 09 "	76 ° 43 ' 33 "			
SE	39 ° 21 ' 48 "	76 ° 43 ' 32 "			
SW	39 ° 21 ' 46 "	76 ° 44 ' 04 "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 200 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ruth Friedman, Goucher College, Volunteers		#3)	
ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust		DATE: January 1973	
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland	
		CODE: 24	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Preservation Officer  
for Maryland

Date

April 12, 1973

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Robert H. Utter*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

6/14/73

ATTEST:

*W. S. Hunter*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date

6/12/73

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windows on the first floor and bay windows above. A pair of dormers is located in the front face of the hiproof.

507 Sudbrook Road (see photograph) is a large rectangular Georgian Revival dwelling with a porch extending longer than the facade. It is presently covered with aluminum siding and the windows have louvered shutters. Stone piers support square columns which in turn support the porch roof. The most outstanding feature of the dwelling is the large composite dormer suggestive of a Palladian window composed of a central semi-circular arched sash with gable above, flanked by rectangular diamond paned sash windows having shed roofs.

515 Sudbrook Road's northwest facade faces the street and displays a gable roof on one side of the ridge and a gambrel roof on the other. The two and a half story house is five bays long with a door in the center as well as one in the adjacent bay to the southwest. A modified Palladian window is located in the attic. The broad expanse of facade recalls the shingle style houses of the late nineteenth century along the New England sea coast.

The house at the southeast corner of Sudbrook and Windsor Roads typifies the expansive domestic architecture of the turn of the century. The hip roof with its "window's walk" and large brick chimneys (on the northwest and southeast faces of the roof) and the symmetrically arranged facade are the chief elements that associate this structure with the vernacular Georgian Revival. The principal (northwest) facade is two bays wide with paired windows in each bay. Each face of the roof contains a pair of dormers which, in turn, have hip roofs. Following the usual practice in Sudbrook Park, there is a one story porch across the northwest facade.

708 Cliveden Road illustrates the penchant in Sudbrook Park for the gambrel roof. The main block of the frame one and one half story structure has a gambrel roof whose ridge parallels the street front facade. Within the roof are gambrel roofed dormers. A one story porch runs across the north principal facade. The gambrel roof extends to include and to shelter the porch. A gambrel roof wind extends one bay north from the main block of the house. A gabled dormer is located on the north side of the gable roofed wing.

718 Cliveden Road (see photograph) is a relatively plain, rectangular two story dwelling. The gable facing the street as well as the small pediment above the steps to the porch have a half-timber design. The gable is emphasised by an ogee plaster bracket cornice which carries it forward of the main wall. The porch which extends on part of three sides of the dwelling has elements and design usually associated with the Queen Anne style.

720 Howard Road contrasting with the rest of Sudbrook Park was constructed in the mission style. With the characteristic stucco walls and a red tile roof. The house was built in three parts. The central section contains a projecting entrance flanked on each side with a casement window. The cornice line curves upward in the center of the central block indicating the position of the door. On one side of the center section is a

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projecting bay with a gable end facing the street. The third section at the opposite corner contains three windows in arched recesses. The roof line is raised at each corner of this section as if to give the impression of a castle tower.

Significant properties in Sudbrook Park are found at the following addresses 500, 501, 503, 505, 505 1/2, 506, 507, 508, 511, 515, 600, 607, Sudbrook Road; 706, 708, 718 Cliveden Road; 720, 722, 724, 726, 753 Howard Road; 1008, 1016, 1018 Windsor Road; and 605, 610 Upland Road.

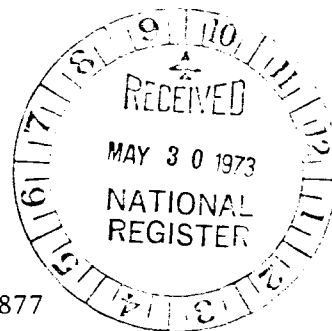
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Architecturally Sudbrook Park typifies the upper and middle class domestic vernacular of the early 20th century. The preponderance of shingles with Queen Anne and Colonial Revival forms and details helps establish the district in its appropriate time frame. The contemporary date and homogenous character of the majority of the structures within the district augments its significance.

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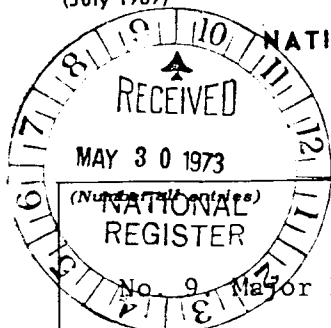
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Secondary Sources:

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Sudbrook Park: One of Maryland's  
First Planned Communities

Ruth Friedman  
24, January, 1973  
Goucher College, Jan.  
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Sudbrook Park, originally an area of summer homes, was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. A proposed road to alleviate traffic on Reistertown Road will pass adjacent to the Park. In order to protect the Park, it is hoped that an alternate route will be proposed.

Sudbrook Park was planned in the 1890's which was a period of rapid urbanization in America. The industrialization of the late nineteenth century caused an influx of American rural inhabitants into the urban centers. European immigrants poured into the cities, also, since that was where money was made. The city dwellers once were within walking distance of the country. Now parks and suburban living were the alternatives to escape noise and dirt of the city.

The suburb and summer home idea was a product of the expanding transportation system. Railroads and trolley lines made it possible for the wealthy to enjoy the rural but to be within commuting distance of their offices.

The Sudbrook Co., a corporate body first mentioned in Polk's City Directory in 1891, and headed by Hugh L. Bond, president, employed Frederick Law Olmsted to design a community of summer homes in Pikesville. The land was part of an estate called "Sudbrook" owned by James Howard McHenry.<sup>1</sup> McHenry, a gentleman farmer, was the grandson of Dr. James McHenry, Secretary of War under Washington and Adams and the man for whom Fort McHenry was named. On September 18, 1890, the land was sold by his wife to the Sudbrook Co. for twenty-five thousand dollars.<sup>2</sup> An acre of land was set aside for the station of the Western Maryland Railroad, which would provide train service to and from the city. A mortgage was signed with the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Co. of Baltimore for thirty thousand dollars.<sup>3</sup>

Frederick Law Olmsted received the major portion of his training as America's first landscape artist through practical experience and from Yale, which he left after only a few courses. After this attempt at conventional education, Olmsted spent the years preceeding his career as a landscape architect, by traveling throughout Europe, expecially in England and farming in New York State. While in Europe he became interested in the city parks, especially Birkenhead Park in Liverpool. It was the first park designed for the workingmen for release from the city.

The job which gave him prominence was as the chief architect of Central Park. He wanted to provide the New York City residents a relief from the urban density.<sup>4</sup> Thus, he stressed the natural contours of the land and the park's natural growth, contrasting it with the rectilinear pattern of the city. His motive with the Central Park and his designs for other city's parks was "the main object and justification...is simply to produce a certain influence in the minds of people and through this influence to make life in the city healthier and happier."<sup>5</sup>

After Central Park, Olmsted became the most sought after park planner. Before the Sudbrook Co. employed him, he designed Prospect Park and Riverside Drive in New York, (1869), In 1874 he was working on the Mall in Washington. Boston and Buffalo employed him before 1891 as did Amherst, Smith, Stanford and Trinity Colleges. The Sudbrook Park plan was made in the mature period of his work, before he did the Chicago Exhibition and the National Zoo. His principles that natural contours of the land dictate streets and nature must be remembered when one builds were followed in his plan for Sudbrook Park.

As was mentioned, Sudbrook Park was designed to be a summer resort for the socially prominent Baltimorean. The plan was based on five main curvilinear streets, following the hills in the area. Lots were sold from eight hundred to one thousand five hundred dollars. The first ten homes were built and sold from three thousand to six thousand dollars depending on the amount of rooms. (six to twelve) There was a hotel in the Park which was the focus of all social activity. All the residents are there. Stables, a swimming pool, and a nine-hole golf course, provided recreation for the residents. Nine trains a day, each way, service the area.<sup>6</sup> As aforementioned, the early owners were amongst the prominent men in Baltimore. Some of them were Judge Henry Harlan, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,<sup>7</sup> Arthur Poultney, head of Poultney's Wood and Coal Co., Judge S.A. Stump, Dr. Herbert Harlan, specialist in eye and ear ~~disease~~,<sup>8</sup> John H.C. Legg, a lawyer in Centreville,<sup>9</sup> and Ezra Whitman, a civil engineer.

In order that Olmsted's original plan be preserved deed restrictions were made. The deed from the Sudbrook Co. to John A. Barker<sup>10</sup> lists the conditions. Some of the more interesting were as follows:

- 1) The house front wall must be forty feet from the street line, although porches, cornices, eaves, or bays could extend five feet.
- 2) The sides of the house must be ten feet from the side property line.
- 3) Homes could be no more than three stories.
- 4) The style was to be rural, not urban.
- 5) Only one family was allowed per acre.
- 6) No wine or liquor could be sold or offered for sale.<sup>11</sup>
- 7) There could be no more than four horses or two cows per acre lot.
- 8) No parcels of land could be sold that were less than one acre each.

The last mention of

the restriction is a Baltimore County Land Record dated May, 1921. (540/112)

Until 1926, Sudbrook Park remained as planned. In 1926, the hotel burned and the sense of community began to dissolve. A post World War II need for homes caused a development to spring up near the Park. Roland Park designed by Olmsted's son was closer to the city. After it was built, the summer residents of Sudbrook Park began to move there on a full-time basis and the "prominence" of Sudbrook Park was lost. However, the original plot remained as it was in 1900, with a few exceptions. Some buildings had siding installed over the original shingles and clapboard walls. The home, which originally belonged to William E.R. Duvall (Howard/Clivden Rd.) has been moved to 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road. It is one of a few homes encroaching on the original acreage restrictions.

In order to preserve Sudbrook Park, it is hoped that the State Road Commission can find an alternate route. The Park is an example of Olmsted's mature style. It is also an example of a planned summer suburban community, located close enough to the city so that it became a year-round suburb. In a period of dying tradition, it is worthwhile to save a monument to America's urban history.

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Hepkins Atlas of Baltimore and Carroll Co., 1877.

<sup>2</sup>Baltimore County Land Records 181/468.

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<sup>4</sup>John Stuzart Martin, "He paints with lakes and wooden slopes..."  
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<sup>7</sup>Early Days of Maryland: Genealogy and Biography of the Leading Families of Baltimore. (Chapman Publishing Co., 1897), pp. 1001-1013.

<sup>8</sup>Henry Fletcher Powell, Tercentary History of Baltimore, IV.  
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<sup>9</sup>Ibid., II, p. 487.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Front (Northwest) facade

SCALE:

PREPARED: CAM 7/84  
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NORTH

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE WITH THE MHT

GRANTOR

GRANTEE

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View from North of (Northwest)  
SCALE: front & (Northeast) side  
PREPARED: facade  
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NORTH

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*Edmond* part of MAGI #0301592628  
INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Shingle House in Sudbrook Park

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

726 Howard Road, Sudbrook Park

CITY, TOWN

Pikesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State Highway Administration

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

301 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21201

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Square

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

National Register of Historical Places

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

4, D. #  
134-159

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |

**CHECK ONE**

- ☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

4.2.1  
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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
NA	
STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Hnedak/M/DOT Survey Manager

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Baltimore</u> TOWN <u>Pikesville</u> VICINITY <u>Dist. III</u> STREET NO. <u>*</u>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA- <del>100</del> <u>159</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Sudbrook Park</u>  DATE OR PERIOD <u>1889</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <p>*West of Western Maryland Railroad on property belonging to the estate of James Howard McHenry.</p> <p>Sold for development, with lots and roads laid out by Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr., a famous engineer and planner of the period. Sudbrook became a model suburb and summer colony. A large frame hotel provided a center for social activities. About 1914 Roland Park, another planned development by Olmstead, drew from the popularity of Sudbrook; it declined; the Hotel was sold, became an Inn, and 1926 burned. But a number of spacious summer homes in the wooded park remain as permanent year-round residences.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report)          E. Frances Offutt          HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE          COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY          March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
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1. STATE		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY		INVENTORY	
Maryland		B.A. - <i>M.H.</i>	
COUNTY Baltimore Co.		2. NAME Sudbrook Park	
TOWN Pikesville VICINITY Dist. III		DATE OR PERIOD 1889	
STREET NO.		STYLE	
ORIGINAL OWNER Frederick L. Olmstead		ARCHITECT	
ORIGINAL USE Summer colony		BUILOER	
PRESENT OWNER Estate-J.H. McHenry		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT USE residences			
WALL CONSTRUCTION			
NO. OF STORIES			
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(REISTERSTOWN)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

76°45' 39°22'30" WESTMINSTER 21 MI. REISTERSTOWN 8.8 MI. 352000m.E. 42°30' 353





Sudbrook Park - 500 Sudbrook Rd.

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East Elevation

Michael Bourne Jan 1973



726 HOWARD ROAD  
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House in  
Sudbush Park Hist. Dist.  
Boat Co.



726 HOWARD Rd  
PIESVILLE MD

SUPERIOR H&B MACHD, BA-159

J# 2/80



Sudbrook Park, 507 Sudbrook Rd.

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Northwest Elevation

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Sudbrook Park, BA County

1/73 Michael Bowne

600 Sudbrook Rd.

607 Sudbrook Rd





726 HOWARD RD.  
PIKESVILLE MD

SUDBROOK PARK WIND

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SUDBROOK PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

Sudbrook Lane + Windsor Road

Michael O Bourne 1/1973

508 Sudbrook Road

610 Upland Road

507 Sudbrook Road

505 1/2 Sudbrook Road

605 Upland Road

511 Sudbrook Road

505 Sudbrook Road

720 Howard Road

575 Sudbrook Road

506 Sudbrook Road